

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1-81 (Canceled)

82. (New) A method for displaying images of an object, comprising:

sending over a mobile telephone system one or more images of the object to a mobile receiver device, said receiver device comprising a screen for displaying the one or more images;

displaying a first image of the object on the screen, at said receiver device, for possible selection, as a background perspective; advancing the first image of the object to a foreground perspective on said screen if the image is selected; and

providing, in the receiver device, at least one other selectably displayable image of a foreground perspective of the selected object and manipulating, at the receiver device in use, said one or more images of the object without the need for a feedback path to the mobile telephone system.

83. (New) A method, according to claim 82, wherein said step of sending one or more images to a receiver device includes sending constructable sets of parts of each image to said receiver and constructing each set of parts to form each image.

84. (New) A method, according to claim 83, wherein said step of sending a constructable set of parts of each image includes: sending a wire frame specification for a wire frame representative of the shape of the object that the image is intended to represent; and sending a textured skin specification for the provision on the wire frame of a textured skin representative of the appearance of the object the image is intended to represent.

85. (New) A method, according to claim 84, wherein said step of sending a wire frame includes sending a specification of the points of a starting mesh and sending dividing means arranged successively to divide the mesh to provide a frame having the shape of the object.

86. (New) A method, according to claim 83, wherein the providing step is achievable by viewing the constructed image from a selectable direction.

87. (New) A method, according to claim 83, wherein said providing step is achievable by viewing the constructed image from a selectable distance.

88. (New) A method, according to claim 82, wherein said sending step includes supplying a representation of a first photograph of the object.

89. (New) A method, according to claim 82, wherein said providing step supplying, to the receiver device, at least one representation of a second photograph of the object, from a different viewpoint.

90. (New) A method, according to claim 82, wherein said object is one of a plurality of objects, and the method further comprises moving images of each of the plurality of objects across a background area until selected for foreground display.

91. (New) A method, according to claim 82, wherein said advancing step includes: increasing the size of the first image; and causing the first image to obscure any image which it overlaps and which is still in the background.

92. (New) A method, according to claim 82, wherein said displaying step includes: substituting said second image for said first image; increasing the size of said second image; and causing said second image to obscure any image which it overlaps and which is still in the background.

93. (New) A method, according to claim 86, wherein said displaying step includes: substituting said second image for said first image; increasing the size of said second image; and causing said second image to obscure any image which it overlaps and which is still in the background.

94. (New) A method, according to claim 87, wherein said displaying step includes: substituting said second image for said first image; increasing the size of said second image; and causing said second image to obscure any image which it overlaps and which is still in the background.

95. (New) A method, according to claim 89, wherein said displaying step includes: substituting said second image for said first image; increasing the size of said second image; and causing said second image to obscure any image which it overlaps and which is still in the background.

96. (New) A method, according to claim 82, wherein manipulation of images of objects is accepted, displayed, moved and allowed as equivalent entities, in said receiver device, irrespective of what that image might be.

97. (New) A method, according to claim 86, wherein manipulation of images of objects is accepted, displayed, moved and allowed as equivalent entities, in said receiver device, irrespective of what that image might be.

98. (New) A method, according to claim 82, wherein the step of advancing the first image of the object to a foreground perspective includes the steps of:

- monitoring the nature of the goods represented by the objects, selected for foreground display;

- detecting the direction of change of the nature of classification of selected goods away from the current preference; and

- providing, to the receiver device, a next batch of images whose classification is moved, from the current preference, in the detected direction.

99. (New) A method, according to claim 82, wherein the object for display on the screen is one of a plurality of objects and the sending step comprises transmitting a set of images relating to the plurality of objects to the mobile receiver device upon receiving a request from the receiver device.

100. (New) A system for displaying images of an object, said system comprising:

- a mobile receiver device, said receiver device comprising a screen for displaying one or more images; transmission means, operative to transmit, over a mobile telephone system, the one or more images of the object to said receiver device;

- means, at said receiver device, to display a first image of the object, as a background perspective, on the screen for possible selection;

advancing means to advance the first image of the object to a foreground perspective on said screen if the image is selected; and providing means to provide, in said receiver device, at least one other selectably displayable image of a foreground perspective of the selected object wherein the receiver device is capable of manipulating the one or more images of the object without the need for a feedback path to the mobile telephone system.

101. (New) A system, according to claim 100, wherein said transmission means includes means for sending constructable sets of parts of each image to said receiver device and means for constructing each set of parts to form each image.

102. (New) A system, according to claim 101, wherein said constructable set of parts of each image includes: a wire frame specification for a wire frame representative of the shape of the object that the image is intended to represent; and a texture skin specification for the provision on the wire frame of a textured skin representative of the appearance of the object the image is intended to represent.

103. (New) A system, according to claim 102, wherein said wire frame specification includes a starting mesh specification of the points of a starting mesh and dividing means arranged successively to divide the mesh to provide a frame having the shape of the object.

104. (New) A system, according to claim 100, including means to display said at least one other selectably displayable image of a foreground view of the object by viewing the constructed image from a selectable direction.

105. (New) A system, according to claim 100, including means to display said at least one other selectably displayable image of a foreground view of the object by viewing the constructed image from a selectable distance.

106. (New) A system, according to claim 100, wherein said transmission means includes means to provide a representation of a first photograph of the object.

107. (New) A system according to claim 100, wherein said providing means includes sending means for sending, to the receiver device, at least one representation of a second photograph of the object, from a different viewpoint.

108. (New) A system, according to claim 100, wherein said object is one of a plurality of objects, images of each of the plurality of objects being moveable across a background area until selected for foreground display.

109. (New) A system, according to claim 100, wherein said advancing means comprises: means for increasing the size of the first image; and means to cause the first image to obscure any image which it overlaps and which is still in the background.

110. (New) A system, according to claim 100, wherein said providing means comprises: means to substitute said second image for said first image; means to increase the size of said second image; and means to cause said second image to obscure any image which it overlaps and which is still in the background.

111. (New) A system, according to claim 104, wherein said providing means comprises: means to substitute said second image for said first image; means to increase the size of said second image; and means to cause said second image to obscure any image which it overlaps and which is still in the background.

112. (New) A system, according to claim 105, wherein said providing means comprises: means to substitute said second image for said first image; means to increase the size of said second image; and means to cause said second image to obscure any image which it overlaps and which is still in the background.

113. (New) A system, according to claim 105, wherein said providing means comprises: means to substitute said second image for said first image; means to increase the size of said second image; and means to cause said second image to obscure any image which it overlaps and which is still in the background.

114. (New) A system, according to claims 100, wherein said receiver device comprises a fixed program for displaying images, said fixed program being operative to accept, display, move and allow manipulation of all images of objects as equivalent entities, irrespective of what any particular image might be.

115. (New) A system, according to claim 104, wherein said receiver device comprises a fixed program for displaying images, said fixed program being operative to accept, display, move and allow manipulation of all images of objects as equivalent entities, irrespective of what any particular image might be.

116. (New) A system, according to claim 105, wherein said receiver device comprises a fixed program for displaying images, said fixed program being operative to accept, display, move and allow manipulation of all images of objects as equivalent entities, irrespective of what any particular image might be.

117. (New) A system, according to claim 107, wherein said receiver device comprises a fixed program for displaying images, said fixed program being operative to accept, display, move and allow manipulation of all images of objects as equivalent entities, irrespective of what any particular image might be.

118. (New) A system, according to claim 100, including: monitoring means, operative to monitor the nature of the goods represented by the objects, selected for foreground display; trend detection means, operative to detect the direction of change of the nature of classification of goods, selected for foreground display, away from the current preference; and selection means, operative to provide, to the receiver device, a next batch of images whose classification is moved, from the current preference, in the detected direction.

119. (New) A system, according to claim 100, wherein the object for display on the screen is one of a plurality of objects, said transmission means being arranged to transmit a set of images relating to the plurality of objects to the mobile receiver device upon receiving a request from the receiver device.

120. (New) A system, according to claim 100, wherein said receiver device comprises a mobile telephone handset or a Personal Digital Assistant.

121. (New) A system, according to claim 114, wherein said receiver device comprises a mobile telephone handset or a Personal Digital Assistant.

122. (New) A system, according to claim 100, wherein said transmission means comprises an Internet transmission device and wherein said receiver device comprises a receiver of Internet images.

123. (New) A system, according to claim 114, wherein said transmission means comprises an Internet transmission device and wherein said receiver device comprises a receiver of Internet images.

124. (New) A system, according to claim 100, wherein said transmission means comprises a digital transmission device and wherein said receiver device comprises a receiver of digitally conveyed images.

125. (New) A system, according to claim 114, wherein said transmission means comprises a digital transmission device and wherein said receiver device comprises a receiver of digitally conveyed images.

126. (New) A mobile receiver device arranged, in use, to operate as the receiver device comprising:

means to display a first image of the object, as a background perspective, on a screen for possible selection;

advancing means to advance the first image of the object to a foreground perspective on said screen if the image is selected; and

providing means to provide at least one other selectably displayable image of a foreground perspective of the selected object.

127. (New) A method of operating a mobile receiver device, said method comprising the steps of:

displaying a first image of the object, as a background perspective, on a screen for possible selection;

advancing the first image of the object to a foreground perspective on said screen if the image is selected; and

providing at least one other selectably displayable image of a foreground perspective of the selected object.

128. (New) A transmission system, comprising:

transmission means, used to transmit one or more images of an object over a communications system to a mobile receiver device, the communications system comprising:

the mobile receiver device, said receiver device comprising a screen for displaying one or more images;

means, at said receiver device, to display a first image of the object, as a background perspective, on the screen for possible selection;

advancing means to advance the first image of the object to a foreground perspective on said screen if the image is selected; and

providing means to provide, in said receiver device, at least one other selectably displayable image of a foreground perspective of the selected object wherein the receiver device is capable of manipulating the one or more images of the object without the need for a feedback path to the mobile telephone system.

129. (New) A method of operating a transmission means used to transmit one or more images of an object to a mobile receiver device, comprising:

sending over a mobile telephone system one or more images of the object to a mobile receiver device using a transmission means, said receiver device comprising a screen for displaying the one or more images;

displaying a first image of the object on the screen, at said receiver device, for possible selection, as a background perspective; advancing the first image of the object to a foreground perspective on said screen if the image is selected; and

providing, in the receiver device, at least one other selectably displayable image of a foreground perspective of the selected object and manipulating, at the receiver device in use, said one or more images of the object without the need for a feedback path to the mobile telephone system.